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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, the giver of every good gift, thank You for quiet harbors of peace where we may bow in prayer and seek Your grace and wisdom.

Guide our Senators during this season when vast issues are at stake. As they serve You and country, keep them mindful of the great tradition in which they stand, enabling them to rise to greatness of vision and action.

Lord, with confidence, we commit ourselves and our Nation to You, who knows the road we travel and has promised to bring us to a desired destination. May we continue to expect great things from You, as we attempt great things for You.

We pray in Your gracious Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 3, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we will move directly to the bill. If Senator MCCONNELL wishes to speak, he has that right. We will move to H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act. Last night, we were able to reach agreement on the next amendments in order. Those amendments will be offered soon, and I hope we will be able to reach agreement to vote in relation to the pending amendments. I am going to offer an amendment on behalf of Senator MURRAY. Senator SANDERS will offer one. Then there will be two Republican amendments. We have to kind of clear the decks. There will be no more amendments until we can make some arrangement to dispose of what has already been laid down. We have three. These four more means seven amendments. There will be two Democratic amendments this morning, two Republican amendments. That will mean a total of seven amendments. We have to take a pause then and try to get rid of some of these, voting on them before we move to others.

We can now move to the bill, Mr. President.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2009

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4213, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4213) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Baucus amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute.

Sessions amendment No. 3337 (to amendment No. 3336) to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps.

Thune amendment No. 3338 (to amendment No. 3336) to create additional tax relief for businesses.

Landrieu amendment No. 3335 (to amendment No. 3336) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the low-income housing credit rules for buildings in the GO Zones.

AMENDMENT NO. 3356 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3336

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk on behalf of Senator MURRAY and others. This is No. 3356.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], for Mrs. MURRAY, for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BURRIS, proposes an amendment numbered 3356 to amendment No. 3336.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide funding for summer employment for youth)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

(a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—There is appropriated for fiscal year 2010, for an additional

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